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SUMMARY: MULTI-DONOR MISSION REPORT ON FOOD REQUIREMENTS
FINALLY OUT. FAO EXPECTS ISSUE APPEAL IN FORM AIDE MEMOIRE
TO DONORS AS SOON AS DRAFT CLEARED BY BRAD MORSE, POSSIBLY
FRIDAY, 9 NOVEMBER, THEN PRESS RELEASE. UNABLE ASCRTAIN
HOW MATTER LIKELY BE HANDLED IN CONFERENCE. FAO/OSRO INFORMALLY
RAISING QUESTION LOGISTICS HELP IN ROME AFTER FIRST OF YEAR.
END SUMMARY.

1. ENGLISH VERSION SUMMARY REPORT NOW AVAILABLE POUCHED

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MAIR AND SPENCER. WILL SEND OTHER POSTS WHEN SUFFICIENT

COPIES AT HAND. CURSORY EXAMINATION REFLECTS NO CHANGE IN FIGURES REPORTED REF A I.E. REQUIREMENTS 541,900 TO 662,700 PLUS RECOMMENDATION 1,000 FOR GAMBIA AND 50,000 REGIONAL STOCK-PILE UNDER CONTROL INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR FLOATING POPULATIONS; AFTER PIPELINE 360,900 TO 416,700 PLUS GAMBIA. BUFFER STOCKS (INCLUDING THE 40,000 "CONTESTED" MAURITANIA PRE-POSITIONING RESERVE) IS SUGGESTED AT 242,500 FOR AID AFTER OCTOBER 1974 IF HARVESTS ARE AGAIN IN DEFICIT IN 1974.

2. THE APPEAL DISCUSSED WITH WILLIAMS WAS DRAFTED, SENT NEW YORK, AWAITS MORSE CONCURRENCE WHICH COULD COME FRIDAY. FAO PLANS THEN TO ISSUE AS AIDE MEMOIRE TO PROSPECTIVE DONORS FOLLOWED BY PRESS RELEASE. BOERMA'S COMMENTS IN MONDAY ADDRESS TO CONFERENCE WILL DEPEND ON STATUS AT THAT TIME.

3. HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE GET FIRM FIX ON TREATMENT SUBJECT DURING FAO CONFERENCE BUT IF ALL SAHEL MINISTERS ARE HERE, OBVIOUSLY ITEM WILL GET MORE ATTENTION THAN PRESENTLY PROVIDED IN AGENDA, WHICH IS CONSIDERATION AS PART OF ITEM 6 IN COMMISSION I WHICH NOW SCHEDULED START TUESDAY. (UNDERSTAND AGENDA LIKELY BE CHANGED TO PROVIDE PLENARY DISCUSSION FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16.) IF FEI IS COMING TO ROME PER REF B HE MAY WANT BE AVAILABLE. SHOULD BE PREPARED FULL DEBRIEFING FAO AND WITH WFP TO EXTENT SOME PROJECT ACTIVITIES SHOULD ATTRACT JOINT ACTIVITY WFP.

4. IN DISCUSSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE HANDLING FAO/WFP RESPONSIBILITIES RE EMERGENCY FOOD, NEHEMIAH STILL REFLECTS SOME UNCERTAINTY ALTHOUGH UNDERSTANDING OUR CONCERN FOR BETTER PERFORMANCE AND MORE MEANINGFUL DATA; HE REGARDS PERIOD UNTIL END OF YEAR AS COMPARATIVELY QUIET BUT ASKS "INFORMALLY" WHETHER WE COULD MAKE AVAILABLE SOMEONE TO FILL THE OLNICK ROLE OF BRINGING BETTER SENSE OF ORGANIZED PERFORMANCE, MORE MEANINGFUL LOGISTICS PLANNING AND REPORTING TO THE OPERATION. SUGGESTS JANUARY AS BEST TIMING. VOLPE

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